

**Safety Committee
September 14, 2009
5:00 PM**

Minutes

Call to Order: Mrs. Mershon called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting today was Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender and Mrs. Turner. Also in attendance were Mayor Ebert, Carrie Hoover (Community Affairs), Matt Peoples (Public Works) and Sgt. Kern.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bender moved to approve the Minutes of the August 10th, 2009 meeting; seconded by Mrs. Turner.

VOTES **AYES** Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner
 NAYS
 Motion carried

Pended Items:

06-03 Skate Park Update

The job is up on the internet auction. We have another vendor that makes concrete skate parks that called and requested permission to bid on the job. The internet auction does allow the Village to choose the bidder that is most advantageous to the Village. We are still working on some of the legality of that. The bids are due in by September 30th. The Skate Shop owner in Canal has been very helpful in keeping the skaters respectful and in the proper areas. Discussion ensued regarding the advantages of concrete vs. metal structures and the safety of the park.

New Items for Discussion:

**09-14 Washington Street – Speed Limit south of Dietz Road intersection.
 Currently 35 mph**

Mrs. Mershon stated that a resident in the area was complaining about the speeding in this area. He noticed a lot of foot traffic in the area and is worried about the walkers in the area that use Washington to go to the high school. He believes the speed limit should be 25mph from the “s” curve on Washington and the covered bridge. Sgt. Kern stated it would be more appropriate to lower the limit from the covered bridge toward town, instead of further south of the bridge. Changing the limit would also allow people with golf carts legal access to Ashbrook Village. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Community watch will monitor the area and report back about the speeding problem.

Fairfield County Sheriff's Report:

There is a parking issue on Fallen Timbers, in which a gentleman has numerous cars and parks them on the street. He goes out and moves them every day or so to avoid the tickets and it is causing some disputes with neighbors.

Labor Day went well. Five people were arrested at 3am Saturday night on the rides downtown. The beer tent was very crowded both Friday and Saturday nights with very little problems.

Community Affairs Report:

Ms. Hoover stated that the pool closed on August 30th. It was a slow season due to the weather. Ms. Christianson will be meeting with Ms. Hoover next week to go over the end of season summary and see what needs to be done for next year. Mayor Ebert stated that membership was down this year. Mr. Peoples stated he believes that it closed at a little less than even this year.

Old/New Business:

Mrs. Turner asked if there was a bicycle helmet law in town. The answer was no. The fire department used to do some bicycle safety and awareness programs. Mrs. Turner would like to see them again.

Adjournment

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

VOTES	AYES	Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner
	NAYS	
	Motion carried	

Meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.